

# St. George's Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope this finds you well having had such a time of uncertainty. May I thank you all for your patience and support.

Whilst I hoped to tell you about St George's Plan on children returning to school, I must apologise that this was not possible today due to the ever changing DFE guidance for Headteachers.

My initial hope was that children would be with their own class teacher, but due to the risk of cross contamination of Covid-19, many Headteachers, including myself, have had to rearrange everything so children are taught in small groups of 10-15, in the same designated room with the same adult. Details will follow early next week after the Governors have seen the overall plan.

I must emphasise at this point that returning to school is parental choice and that no punitive fines will be issued. As Covid-19 is still present in the UK, schools have to plan alongside very rigorous and detailed risk assessments.

Many of you will be afraid and anxious about the decision on sending your child/children back to school and I must stress that your choice will be respected and supported.

For those children not attending school, home learning will continue.

School will be very different and I feel it only fair to outline the days and times when school will operate.

Every school has a different model and some cannot facilitate Year 6.

Using every room, I can just about accommodate Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 groups. Again, I must stress that a detailed plan will be sent to you early next week. The school is closed for **ALL** children including keyworkers' children during half term, so that extensive cleaning and preparation can take place.

Due to the level of sanitising required, the days, times and length of days are very different.

The DFE still need to decide on Years 2,3,4 and 5 returning to school. After their initial hopes of ALL pupils returning, the actual reality according to the detailed Risk Assessment and lack of room left, the reality of this happening is very remote.

The weeks until we hear anything contrary to the wishes of our Government currently will be as follows:

**Children will return to school Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June as follows:**

Keyworkers' children 8.45 am – 3.15 pm **Monday – Thursday only**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 – 8.45 am – 1.00 pm **Monday – Thursday only**

Start times will be staggered, information to follow early next week.

Children will leave after a long morning at 1.00 pm. Those receiving packed lunches will take them home. All children have lunch at home. This allows for daily intensive cleaning after the children have left.

School is **closed** every Friday in order to deep clean the premises and facilitate teachers planning for school and home learning.

I can appreciate that some parents may find the times very different to before, however, we have had to plan alongside a deadly virus which has altered life as we know it.

When the Government feel it is safe to relax the stringent rules on opening, we are faced with difficult decisions.

Many unions disagree with the decision to open schools, however I have been directed by the DFE, alongside all other Headteachers to welcome back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children.

May I say with heartfelt words, that I will do my utmost to keep children and my staff as safe as humanly possible.

I cannot promise that the risk is not there but the very careful planning plus the commitment and dedication of my staff and me, are of course at the forefront of everything we do.

My Best Wishes

Mrs J Luxon  
Headteacher

